

The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

What you Need to Know About Snow Removal

American Fork City strives to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective snow and ice removal. Each storm or weather event produces different variables that affect how we respond with our snow removal equipment.

The following article provides information you need to know about American Fork City's snow removal policies and procedures.

PARKING ON THE STREET

In accordance with City ordinance, no parking is permitted on City streets from Nov. 1 to March 31, when a measurable amount of snow has fallen, and the street has not been plowed since the snowfall. On those snowy days, citations will be issued for vehicles and/or trailers that

To see a snow removal
priority map, visit:
americanfork.gov

remain parked within the right-of-way during these months. (Ordinance No. 93-10-30)

PLOWING PRIORITY

Street plowing priority is based on the roads classification and usage intensity. Roads that receive top priority are heavily-used arterials and collectors, roads critical to public safety and schools, and roads deemed higher risk roads, like ones with a steep grade.

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works.....	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center.....	801-763-3080
Senior Center.....	801-763-3090

Non-Emergency

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue.....	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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Free Help for COVID-19 Related Stress

If you or someone you know is experiencing stress, anxiety or depression because COVID-19, The Utah Strong Recovery Project offers crisis counselors seven days a week, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. All information is confidential and free of charge.

Services include emotional support, crisis counseling, coping strategies, mental health education, referrals if more help is needed.

To talk to a Utah Strong Recovery Project counselor seven days a week 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., call/text 385-386-2289 or email your first name and phone number to UtahStrong@utah.gov. After hours if you need an immediate



response, please contact the Utah statewide Crisis Line at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or the SAMHSA Distress Hotline at 1-800-985-5990. Video chat and counseling in Spanish and other languages are available.

Get Prepared for the Winter Months Ahead

Winter Weather

“On an average year, winter weather is directly or indirectly involved in 400,000 vehicular accidents in the United States, leading to 1,300 fatalities. Add to that, loss of life due to avalanches and exposure to cold, plus billions of dollars in economic losses, and it is clear that winter weather is a significant threat. Remember to adjust driving behaviors during winter weather. When the first snowstorms hit the valley, a higher number of crashes are observed, because people just aren’t used to adjusting their driving for winter conditions. Snow, sleet, and ice on the road require drivers to be more diligent, attentive, and cautious.” Kevin Barjenbruch NOAA/National Weather Service

Winter storms in Utah are inevitable. With this in mind, check out the winter safety information below

Preparedness tips for before the storm hits

- Build an emergency kit for your home and/or business
- Winterize your vehicle and make sure you have an emergency kit in it
- Winterize your home/ business
- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, your favorite news source, NWS websites, and/or social media feeds for vital weather information

Extreme cold

- Know the symptoms of hypothermia and frostbite, and how to treat them
- Know the expected wind-chill conditions for the day, and plan outdoor activities accordingly

Travel preparedness tips

- Monitor road conditions before departing: Use the Utah Department of Transportation Road Weather page
- Drive for the conditions: Slow down, allow extra braking distance, do not tailgate
- Allow snowplow operators to do their job: Maintain a safe distance/avoid passing snowplows on roadways that are only one lane in each direction
- Remain alert for sudden road condition changes, such as ice on bridges, and snow and blowing snow reducing visibilities

For more information on preparing for winter weather, visit bereadyutah.gov



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2022 Garbage & Recycle Calendar

The specific weekday your trash and recycling is picked up will depend on where you live in the City. Please visit americanfork.gov/garbage for more information, including a map to look up your pick up day.

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KEY	H	Holiday
		Trash
		Trash + Recycling

GUIDELINES

- ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE ON THE STREET BEFORE 7 AM.
- If a holiday falls on a weekday, service will be delayed one day following the holiday.
- Containers should be in the street within 2 feet of curb.
- Containers should be at least 5 ft. away from all other objects, including other containers.
- Break down cardboard boxes.
- Recycling cans with trash in them will be dumped as trash cans.
- Do not recycle glass.
- Make sure recycled goods have no residual food or liquids.



For information call Republic Services

801-924-8500

Storm Drain Utility Rate Increase

Effective January 1, 2022 the City's storm drain utility rate will be increasing by \$2.50 per month for single-unit residential units. Rate adjustments will also occur for commercial and multi-family units as well. This cost increase is largely due to system and infrastructure improvements and increased operations and maintenance the City must undertake over the next ten years to stay compliant with recently mandated state and federal water pollution control requirements for all municipal storm water systems. You can read more about these requirements, as well as learn about the City's storm water system, by reading the City's recently adopted Storm Water Management Program (americanfork.gov).

The City's storm water system includes the piped and un-piped channels by which water runoff is carried from homes, businesses, and streets out of the City as well as ponds and other infrastructure. In addition to helping prevent flooding in the City, recent state and federal mandates also require that the City's storm water system help reduce contaminants that may pollute larger water sources they feed into. In the past, contaminants in a storm water runoff were more readily filtered through neighboring vegetation. But as farmland and fields are being replaced by development, more effort must be taken to mitigate both the volume and contaminants of storm water.

American Fork City has not raised its storm water rates in over 10 years. Because of this, American Fork residents have enjoyed historically low rates compared other communities. However, with the recent state and federal mandates, the City must adjust rates accordingly. The storm water rate increase effective January 2022 will be one of two increases over the next four years in order to sufficiently fund the needed infrastructure. See the table below for all rate changes. City Council will review the storm water plan and related costs in 2025 to see if further rate changes are necessary.

American Fork City bills in arrears, meaning the bill you get is for the prior month. That means residents can expect to see the rate increase for January in their February bill.

Recommended Final Rates	Existing	2022	2023	2024	2025
Single-Unit Residential					
Base Monthly Charge per Unit	\$6.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$10.50	\$10.50
Multi-Unit Residential					
Base Monthly Charge per Unit	\$6.00	\$6.69	\$6.69	\$8.27	\$8.27
Area Charge per 1,000 Impervious sq.ft.	\$0.00	\$0.53	\$0.53	\$0.66	\$0.66
Commercial/Institutional					
Base Monthly Charge (<i>per 3,400 impervious sq.ft.</i>)	\$6.00	\$6.69	\$6.69	\$8.27	\$8.27
Area Charge per 1,000 Impervious sq.ft.	\$0.00	\$0.53	\$0.53	\$0.66	\$0.66

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These streets will be plowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, when weather conditions warrant, or if there are three inches or more snow accumulation. After major storms, when conditions have moderated, and when Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets have been cleared, street personnel will clear cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets if possible. Please note that there are certain streets in the City which are private roadways, or are owned and maintained by UDOT that are not plowed by City personnel.

PLOWING STREETS CURB-TO-CURB

In order to facilitate multi-lane traffic, it is the practice of the City to plow the widest section of the road possible on Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets. Those streets identified as Priority 3 and Priority 4 will be maintained with one travel lane in each

direction. This work requires a number of passes by the plows which create a windrow that can become a problem in blocking driveways and mailbox locations. Residents are encouraged, when possible, to wait until the snow plows have completed their work before clearing driveways and mailbox access. This will minimize the amount of snow pushed back into your driveway should additional plowing be required. Please be aware that it is in violation of City ordinance to deposit snow or ice onto a sidewalk or vehicle travel lane. A map with plowing priorities is online.

USAGE OF SALT ON ROADWAYS

Salt is used only at intersections, on hills, in school zones or limited areas where it is deemed necessary. Temperature, storm duration and intensity affect the effectiveness of the salt and the ability of snow plows to clear streets. When temperatures dip below 19 degrees, salt becomes ineffective in melting snow and

ice. It is not economically feasible to salt all streets as a routine practice.

SUBDIVISIONS AND CUL-DE-SACS

In subdivisions and cul-de-sacs, our plows focus on keeping one travel lane in each direction passable.

FIRE HYDRANTS

The Fire and Rescue Department has asked that you help keep fire hydrants clear of snow so they are viewable and useable.

IN SUMMARY

Our street department personnel work hard to keep you safe as they clear snow from the 120 miles of road within our City. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work together within this great community of ours. To read our entire Snow Removal Ordinance, and additional related details, please visit americanfork.gov to view the snow removal guide or you can also call 801-763-3050.

AF HISTORY: CITY HALL

On May 24, 1879 in a city council meeting, it was proposed to build a City Hall at the cost of \$1500. By looking back on the city council minutes of a future meeting on May 20 of 1880, we can see that the city council members wanted to enlarge the original city hall plans. According to the new plans, the main room would be 24 x 42 feet with a 16 feet high ceiling, the back room would be 13 x 21 feet, the walls would be 8 inches thick of adobe, and the building would have a high rock foundation. The city hall was built on the Northeast corner of Main and Center street, facing Main street. By 1886, council members were actively using the hall. In the city council minutes of the following year, 1887, we can observe that the city purchased a 1200 lbs. bell for \$211.24 to put in the belfry, finishing the construction of the city hall. The city then leased out room space to the American Fork Library for a reading room. The large room was divided by a low, fence-like divider. One part of the room was used for trials, the judge's desk, and council meetings. The remaining part of the room was used for school, young men's Mutual Improvement Association gatherings, and other community events. This particular city hall building lasted until 1903, when the city council chose to build a new, bigger city hall. The corner city hall and property were sold in March, 1903 to James Chipman for \$10,000 with the city taking the bell and the flagpole. This money would finance the new city hall, which would be built just to the north and a bit east of the old city hall on Church street. The original city hall was torn down later.

Our beautiful present day historic city hall was built in 1903. The bell from the first city hall was placed in the cupola, which is a type of belfry, on top of this new, brick city hall. Our city hall has gone through several restorations throughout it's 118 years of use. In 1959, the bell and cupola were removed because the cupola



Photo of old city hall with new city hall in background.

was rotting. In the early 2000's, our city hall went through another restoration, and the city decided to place the original city bell and a new cupola back on the top to resemble its original architecture. You may be wondering where the bell was during this long period away from city hall, but that is a story for another time. On August 16, 2006, a crane lifted the old bell and placed it on top of the city hall. The new cupola was then lifted up and placed over the bell to once again crown our city hall.

Our wonderful city hall is a reminder of our strong forefathers and our heritage that we so freely enjoy in the city.

Photos and History information from the American Fork Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum.

Christmas Tree Dropoff

Republic Services will be offering free dumpsters exclusively for disposing of Christmas trees. These dumpsters will be located at the City's salt dome lot on 240 E 200 N after Christmas through January 10th. The dumpsters will be accessible Monday through Thursday, 7a.m.—6 p.m. Only undecorated, real trees without lights, tinsel, flocking or attached stands will be accepted. Curbside tree pickup will not be available this year.



H.E.A.T. PROGRAM
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE TARGET

JOBS.UTAH.GOV

The HEAT Program provides year-round energy and water assistance as well as energy and water-related crisis assistance for eligible low-income households throughout Utah.

For more information about the program and eligibility requirements, visit **jobs.utah.gov** and look for the HEAT Program details or **call 2-1-1** for help.



Got clutter? Tired of Mess?

Come learn how to

ORGANIZE LIKE A PRO!

with special guest Vicki Winterton

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6,
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